ject (GOCP) of Bharat Coking Coal Limii-ted (BCCL) was tested in the test coke ovens of Bokaro Steel plant. Testing was done with a view to evaluating the prpper-ties of coke for its use in steel plants.

(b) The findmgs of the test ere positive and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has agreed to accept washed coal from *GOCP* with ash below 17.5 per cent for use to the extent of 10 per cent in the coal blend.

(c) Coal India limited have decided to set up a washery on "Build-own-operate" basis for beneficiation of coal from Golu-kdih Opencast Project for supply to steel plants.

Chari Committee's reconurertdations on coking coal

6236. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI; Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed a committee for the augmentation of coking coatc far steal industry the chair-manship of Shri K. S. R. Chari;

(b) whether the Chari Committee sub mitted any recommendations for imme diate implemenation; and

(c) if so, what are the main recommen dations and what steps Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA); (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a committee under the chair-manship of Shri K.S.R. Chair was formed by Coal India Limited (CIL)in July, 1989 to review the requirement and availability of metallurgical coals for steel plants. The report of the committee became available in October, 1990.

(c) The main recommendations of the committee and the steps taken thereon by CIL are given in the statement.

Statement

Recommendations/	Action Taken
(i) Reclassification of coking coal based on the coking as well as petrographic characteristics	(i) CIL has supplied necessary data to Bureau of Indian Standards for the purpose of reclassification.
(ii) Utilisation of Low Volatile Medium Coking Coal in Steel plants.	(ii) Laboratory as well as plant Scale washability tests have been carried out in respect of such coals. Some of the low volatile coking coal from jharia coalfield have been found suitable after they are washed to 17.5% ash level.
(iii) Modification of existing washeries as per the recommendations of the technical committee.	(iii) Modification work is under implementation.
(iv) Increased utilisation of low ash high sulphur coal from north eastern region by steel plants.	(iv) CIL has taken steps to increase the supply of low ash coal from north eastern region to steel plants.